

AMENDMENT (clean version)

Please cancel claim 48.

Please add new claim 57 as follows:

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57. (New) The method of claim 40 wherein said protein or peptide is selected from the group consisting of oxytocin, vasopressin, adrenocorticotropic hormone, epidermal growth factor, platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF), prolactin, luteinizing hormone releasing hormone (LHRH), LHRH agonists, LHRH antagonists, growth hormone, growth hormone releasing factor, insulin, erythropoietin, somatostatin, glucagon, interleukin (including IL-2, IL-11, IL-12, etc.), interferon- α , interferon- β , interferon- γ , gastrin, tetragastrin, pentagastrin, urogastrone, secretin, calcitonin, enkephalins, endorphins, angiotensins, thyrotropin releasing hormone (TRH), tumor necrosis factor (TNF), parathyroid hormone (PTH), nerve growth factor (NGF), granulocyte-colony stimulating factor (G-CSF), granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), macrophage-colony stimulating factor (M-CSF), heparinase, vascular endothelial growth factor (VEG-F), bone morphogenic protein (BMP), hANP, glucagon-like peptide (GLP-1), renin, bradykinin, bacitracins, polymyxins, colistins, tyrocidine, gramicidins, cyclosporins, enzymes, cytokines, antibodies, vaccines, antibiotics, antibodies, glycoproteins, and combinations thereof.

No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14, 40-47, and 49-56 remain pending in the present application.

Claim 48 was mistakenly drafted as depending from claim 30, (rather than claim 40). As such, claim 48 has been canceled, and new claim 57 has been added with appropriate dependency.